Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - OCTOBER 2020

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month. 6:30pm at St Johns Hall, 72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

Next meeting : Tue 10th Nov 2020.

Facebook (Public): "Tamworth 4wd Club"

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"Tamworth 4wd Club (Finance Members)"

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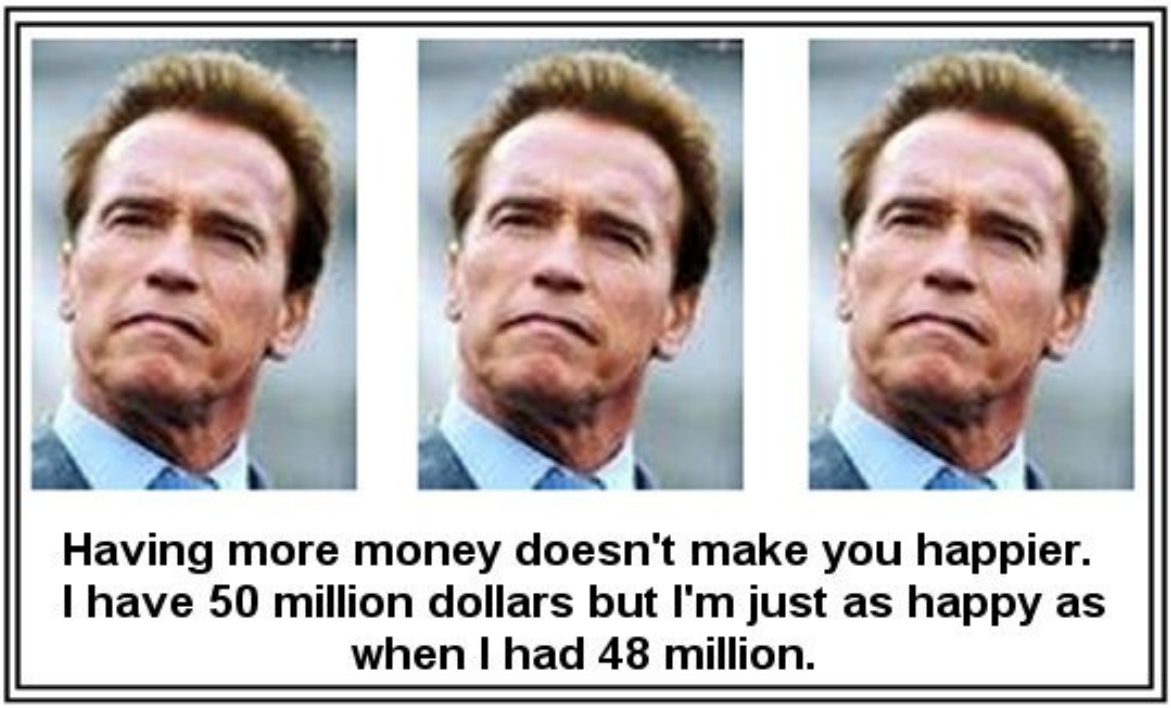
Editors Blurb

Hi Everyone,

Not much to report. Newsletter is a little late—secretary and newseditor persons place their apologies. Christmas in July in October for Halloween has been done and dusted. Things were a little damp, but didn't dampen our spirits to have a good little event around a record small bonfire. Report and photos and blurbs and funny stuff will be in the next newsletter. Rushing to get this out as quickly as possible. The older "Tamworth 4wd club unofficial" Facebook site has now been renamed to "Tamworth Enthusiasts", and the club now has an official "Tamworth 4wd Club" page. This will be our new 'out there' promotional page for all the good stuff that the club does , as well as trips and photos. More info in the next newsletter.

Stay safe out there.



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2019-2020 Committee

President	- Rick Burton	e: president.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
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Driver Awareness Assistants	- Matt Elison	
Trip Advisors	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Matt Elison, Dave Maunder	

14 July 2020—Meeting Minutes.

Meeting opened: 6:38pm. (Meeting held out in the air on the verandah)
Members in attendance : 6
Apologies Leanne and Adrian.
Minutes of last meeting true and correct, confirmed :Dave & Paul

Correspondence in: - Emails from Port Macquarie and Grafton (newsletters).

Correspondence out:
- Previous newsletter (September) out.
- Christmas-in-July-in-October-for-Halloween email invites to Port Macquarie, Grafton and Dubbo 4wd Clubs.

Financials:

Business Arising
- Public profile for club (Facebook page). Dave to check it out over the next few weeks and confirm its the right thing.
- Lack of attendance at meetings will result in the club shutting down. Reminder to all to please also send apologies if not coming.
- More businesses supporting our social event with donations.

General Business
- Working bee weekend before Christmas-in-July-in-October-for-Halloween being the weekend of 23rd Oct 2020.
- Christmas-in-July-in-October-for-Halloween event RSVP must be sent in.

Trips
- Christmas-in-July-in-October-for-Halloween.
- News Years Eve at Ponda Rosa.
- Coolah Tops for Easter 2021. No water running at the time of the meeting, from a reputable source.

Due to no further business or discussions, the meeting was closed in a record twenty minutes, at 6:58pm.

TRIPS

Christmas-in-July-and-Halloween-in-October

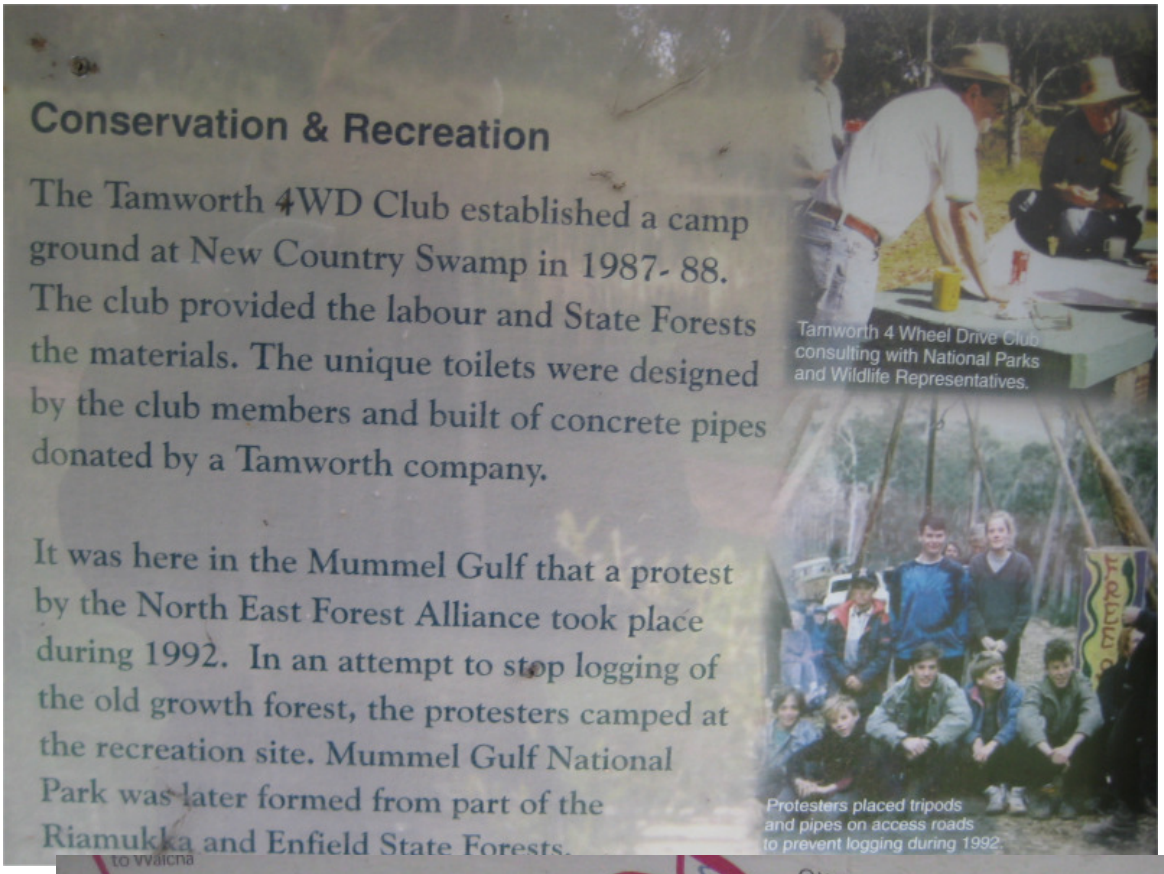
See next newsletter for a write up and photos.

New Years Eve. Ponda Rosa at Hanging Rock. All welcomed to see in the New Year, and a huge celebration to see the end of 2020.

NEWSFLASH : "The FARM" is booked and locked in for Australia Day January long weekend 2021. Forbes River. There should be heaps of water in the river!! More info next newsletter. All welcomed to attend. Always a great weekend.

Coolah Tops—Easter 2021. Will 2021 be a better year ? Tune in to find out as January 2021 is only just around the corner.

Found pics of the info board at New Country Swamp - taken by Bushy at the last trip that the club ran there in February 2010.



Conservation & Recreation

The Tamworth 4WD Club established a camp ground at New Country Swamp in 1987- 88. The club provided the labour and State Forests the materials. The unique toilets were designed by the club members and built of concrete pipes donated by a Tamworth company.

It was here in the Mummel Gulf that a protest by the North East Forest Alliance took place during 1992. In an attempt to stop logging of the old growth forest, the protesters camped at the recreation site. Mummel Gulf National Park was later formed from part of the Riamukka and Enfield State Forests.

Tamworth 4 Wheel Drive Club consulting with National Parks and Wildlife Representatives.

Protesters placed tripods and pipes on access roads to prevent logging during 1992.

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Finding a map grid reference

The tried and trusted old fashioned way of reading a topo map. The grid lines on the topo map have numbers at either end.
To read these numbers in order there is a saying "walk to the tree before you climb it".

- So work out where you are using the map features.
- The from the side work across and find the vertical line - use that number.
- Go up the line to find the horizontal line crossing it - use that number.
- So far you have now found a four digit grid square.
- Divide that square by ten up and ten across to give you the third digit from your lines respectively.
- Now you have a six digit grid reference.

Or throw the map away and use google maps on your phone if you have service.

The lawn is getting away a bit with all of this rain. Had to lift the mower a tad to start on the high grass.

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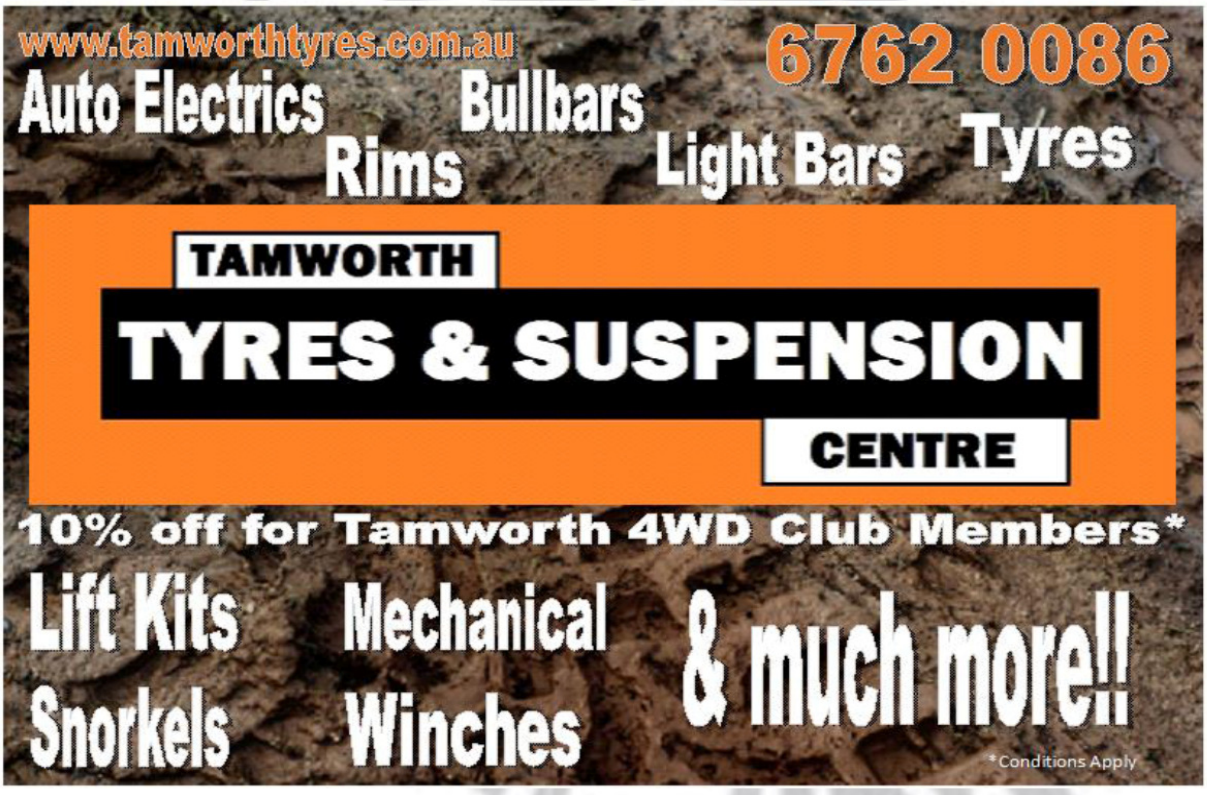

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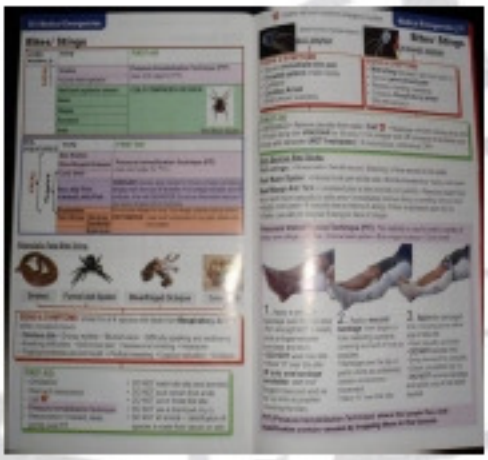
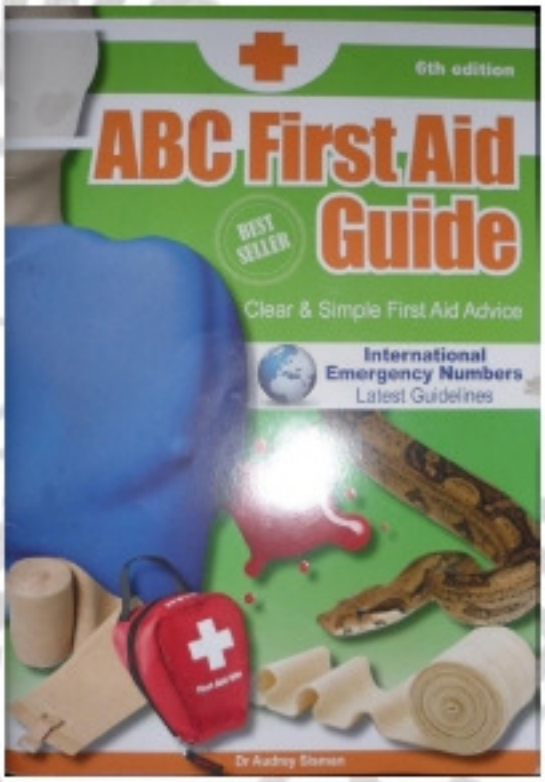
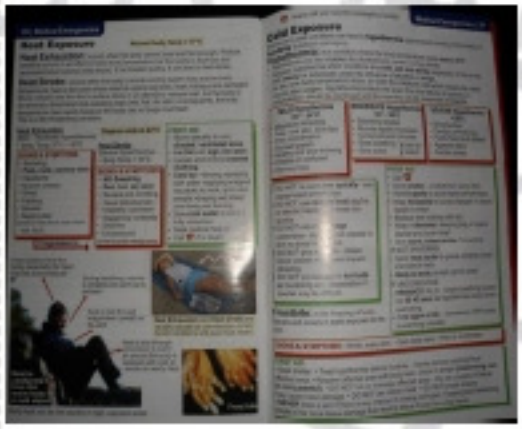
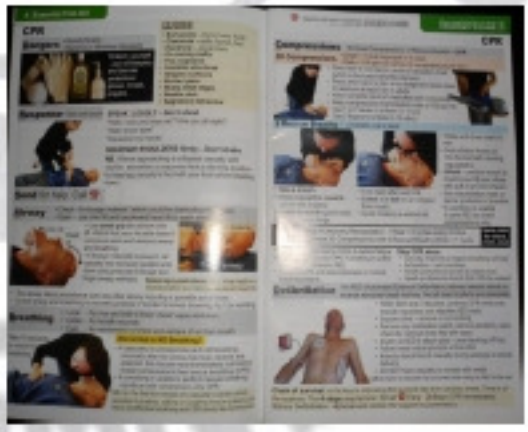








HISTORY OF THE TAMWORTH 4WD CLUB

Tamworth Recreational 4WD Club was formed in 1976 by local Four Wheel Drive owners. It is a family orientated club and caters for family participation in recreational four wheel drive touring and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction.Club trips can be one day or weekend drives into the state forests and national parks of the local area. Trips of longer duration to various parts of Australia (eg Simpson Desert, Fraser Island, Cape York, Kakadu just for ideas) are planned annually and in advanced. The choice of trip you take is entirely yours, from easy scenic trips to beautiful areas of near inaccessible terrain.Other clubs activities include social outings, bush camping, bush walking, fishing, driver training days, Xmas in July, demonstrations and inter club activities.

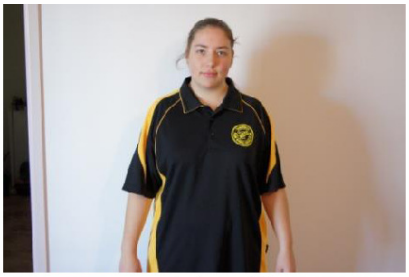
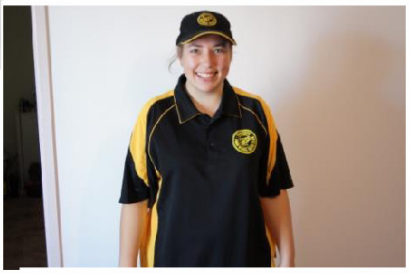
THE CLUB'S OBJECTIVES

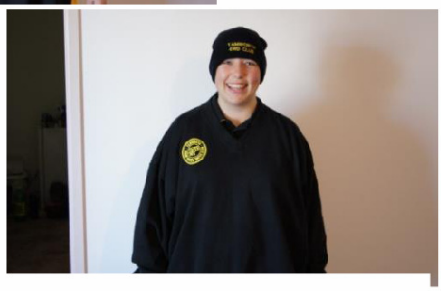
- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



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- $27 - Polo Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

Kids

- $22 - Polo Shirts
- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Tamworth 4WD Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: ..... **First Name:** ..... DOB: .....

Partner's Name: ..... DOB: .....

Child's Name: ..... DOB: .....

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

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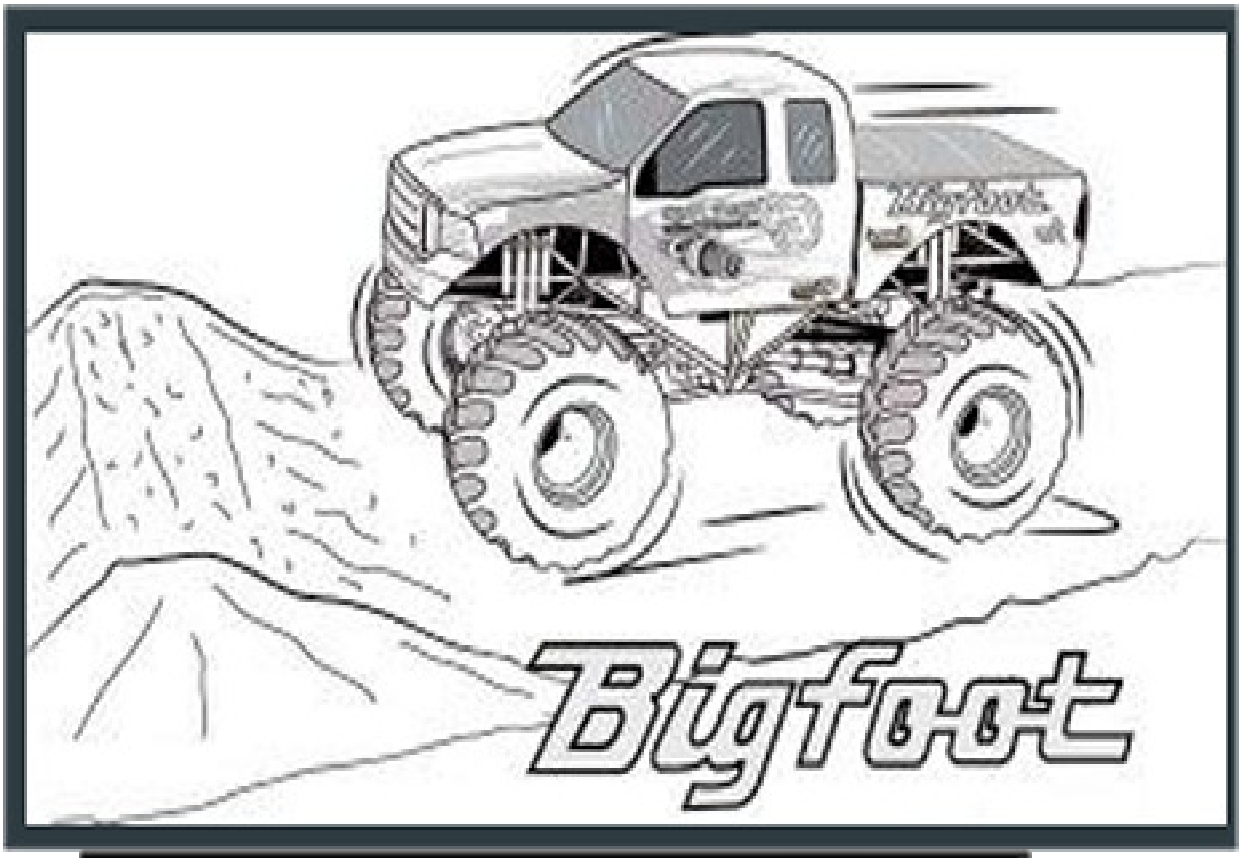
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